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### Persistent Petitioners.

The surrender of the council committee on petitions and remonstrances to the element that was turned down several times in their applications for licenses, and who have since brazenly boasted that they would yet secure the privilege of debauching the community, was a deplorable reversal of a most commendable stand. It is true that the action was taken in the absence of certain members of the committee who have voted against issuing licenses to these discredited applicants, but this does not absolve the committee from responsibility for the change in its attitude. These absent members should have known that from the desperate methods employed by these men they would be watching to take advantage of any opportunity that offered.

Besides there was a strange absence from the meeting of council of those members who have been the most earnest antagonists of these applicants. This will not do. Every man who has formerly fought this vicious element should make it a point to be on guard at every session of the council. If these licenses should unfortunately be slipped through during their absence the people will hold them responsible. Furthermore there may be some disastrous reflections on these members should their absence be repeated. The action of the committee on petitions and remonstrances is somewhat surprising in the light of the recent conviction of one man who was refused a license and of another saloon that had just been granted a license. One thing should be distinctly understood, and that is these people will persist in their nefarious business in the hope of wearying council into submission. Can they do it? It is up to council to determine.

### Progressive Prosperity.

The biennial report of State Labor Commissioner Isaac V. Barton, to be submitted to the governor on June 1, is a remarkable document. The Intelligencer believes it is safe in asserting that West Virginia has never before experienced two years of such progressive prosperity as the years 1898 and 1899, in support of which it has only to cite Mr. Barton's report. The commissioner's summary tells the story in a nutshell, as follows:

"Five hundred establishments report 23,344 employees on the pay rolls, January 1, 1897; 34,880 employees on the pay rolls, January 1, 1899; 40,221 employees on the pay rolls, January 1, 1900, an increase of 48 per cent."

"Average number of weeks in operation, year ending January 1, 1900, 46.14-25."

"Three hundred and five establishments report an advance in wage rates, affecting 25,533 employees."

"Three establishments reduced wages, affecting 24 employees."

Here is an example of cold figures becoming warmly eloquent, and it does not seem possible that in the face of Mr. Barton's report any party demagogues or demagogic newspapers can possibly possess the assurance to continue their insistence that West Virginia in particular and the nation in general are not outstripping the balance of the world on a wave of industrial prosperity such as has never been witnessed in the past.

The Intelligencer this morning prints a synopsis of Commissioner Barton's report, and commends it to every reader for earnest and thoughtful perusal.

### As to River Improvements.

As some of the readers of the Intelligencer may not fully understand the importance of the improvements on the Monongahela and Ohio rivers, and the various streams in West Virginia, ordered by Congress, we quote from the house bill which passed May 5, and which was read twice in the senate and referred to the committee on appropriations on May 7, and which will soon be considered for passage by that body. On page 91 of the bill provision is made for improving the Ohio river below Pittsburgh for the continuation of the construction of dams numbered two, three, four and five, for which an appropriation of \$550,000 is made. On page 93 is found provision for improving the Big Sandy river, in West Virginia and Kentucky, for continuing improvement by the construction of two locks and dams between Louisa and the mouth of the river, for which \$250,000 is appropriated.

There are on page 95 two items of particular importance to West Virginia, which greatly concern her future development. The first provides for the improvement of the Monongahela river in completing the improvements at locks numbered three and six, and by the construction of a floating plant as

authorized by the river and harbor act, approved March 3d, 1899, and appropriating \$135,000 for the same.

The next item is of special local interest, inasmuch as it provides for an appropriation of \$470,000 for the construction of dams numbered thirteen and eighteen, the former being located at Wheeling and the other at Marietta. All of these appropriations become available on June 30, of this year, extending throughout the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, and for which Captain Dovenor has labored so earnestly.

### A Good State to Live In.

The address of Governor Atkinson before the State Editorial Association, in session at Parkersburg, on West Virginia's present and prospective possibilities and the work of the press in the development and history of the state, should be read by every young man who is about to devote his energies and apply his wisdom to his life work. It has not been so many years ago that young men were leaving West Virginia for the west for the purpose of bettering their condition. They did not know at the time that they stepped from the door of opportunity into a lane of indifferent results. The young man of to-day knows better. Here at home he has all the opportunity he desires, for rewards are sure to come to those who apply themselves diligently.

The development of West Virginia in the past few years, as outlined by Governor Atkinson, reads like a fairy tale, but it is nothing more than the presentation of the plain facts. We have made the most wonderful strides, and the whole country is looking on with admiring awe, astounded at what has been done and wondering at the limit of our possibilities.

The closing sentences of the governor's speech are worthy of recital at school exhibitions, and his entire address should be in the hands of every pupil in our public schools throughout the state, as it contains more information about the physical, industrial and social conditions of the commonwealth than is found in all the geographical and text books ever written. It is inspirational as well as educational. The governor's peroration was eloquent, and what is best of all, eminently truthful, and we therefore reprint it. The governor said:

Mr. President, we have in the Mountain State no malaria, no grasshoppers, no mosquitoes, no razor-backed hogs, no cyclones, no deep snows, no long winters, no glaciers, and panthers and bears and wolves and foxes are rapidly going, and are well high gone. We have no state debt; taxes are reasonable; churches are flourishing; our schools are as good as the best; we have over a million population; upwards of a million dollars in our treasury, and yet we have but fairly started into business. Talk about West Virginia, my brothers, she is to-day the rush-light of the republic. She is the coming commonwealth of the continent. She is the hub of the universe in natural wealth. She is the flag ship in the procession of progress. She is the wonder of the century, and is the favored state for young men to live in and for old men to die in. She is the Eldorado of the coming century. Her coal fields are richer than the gold mines of the Transvaal. Her timber is taller than the cedars of Lebanon, and her oil pools are more valuable than the gems of Gondwana or the silver of the Klondike. We have the watermelon and the pomegranate and the grape. We have the milk, the honey and the wheat. We have tall men, sun-crowned and browned and brave, and the prettiest, happiest, sweetest women beneath the stars. Our rock-ribbed mountains tower in the sunlight, and catch the first rays of the rising and the last rays of the setting sun. Our valleys are as charming as Scotland's valleys, and our water is as limpid as the fountain of Treve, at Rome, and he who tastes of it will return again.

### Victory for Arbitration.

A most notable victory has been won for the arbitration of labor disputes by the agreement recently entered into between the representatives of the National Metal Trades Association and the International Association of Machinists. "The greatest difficulty," says the Journal of Commerce, "will probably be to make the members of the labor unions stand up to the agreement when they are strongly tempted to depart from it, and there may be some difficulty on the other side; each organization agrees to discipline any member who does not obey the agreement. The agreement includes a general scheme of arbitration to avert strikes and lock-outs, and if this can be enforced a good deal of loss on both sides and much disorder in business will be averted. In England, where the unions have more power and generally maintain a better discipline than here, a good deal has been done in the way of substituting arbitration for violence. It is agreed in this treaty that the question of the competence of a workman shall be determined by the employers; after six months the working day is to be nine and a half hours and after a year nine hours, which abridgment of the day is not so great but that it may be compensated for by increased speed, it does not seem to have been demanded by the men in order to reduce production or increase the number of persons employed. The regulation of the number of apprentices is a little more liberal to the rising generation—the party chiefly in interest—than some agreements have been."

### The Braxton Dissenters.

The Intelligencer regrets to note the disposition manifested by some of the Republicans of Braxton county to stir up unnecessary strife within the party lines. No one denies the right of a free expression of opinion to those who are favorable to Judge Campbell's candidacy, but we do not think his supporters in Braxton county are taking a course that is calculated to strengthen his cause. From all the information obtainable, and information that is as reliable as our correspondent's, the Intelligencer believes that the convention which selected delegates to the Congressional convention was entirely regular. A large majority of those present were favorable to the renomination of Captain Dovenor and his delegates were chosen in due form.

It so happens at times there is a disposition of the following of the unsuccessful candidate to dispute the privileges of the majority. It is a strain in human nature that cannot be eradicated. The inciting cause permeates every walk in life and is not confined to political conventions. The successful man in business or in the professions is always the target of the envious—those who have failed to reach

the goal attained by others. It is a painful exhibition, and in politics it is an aggravation. The Intelligencer believes that it would have been much better for the Braxton county dissenters to have carried their grievances to the proper court, the Congressional convention. In another column will be found an account of a convention which was convened at Sutton for the purpose of electing another set of delegates to the First District Congressional convention. The Intelligencer gives it publication as relating to the side of the dissenters from the regular convention, but it regrets to say that it cannot endorse its proceedings in toto, and therefore claims the same right to a free expression of its opinion that it has accorded to them.

The anti-canteen bill, which has attracted widespread attention, and against which the military authorities recently reported, was ordered favorably reported by the house committee on military affairs yesterday, with an amendment which will exclude liquor from the capitol and other public buildings. The bill reported is known as the Bowersock bill, and applied to premises used "for military purposes." These words were stricken out, making the bill apply to "any premises used or owned by the United States."

As the house yesterday adopted without division the resolution providing for the adjournment of Congress June 6, it is quite likely that the senate will concur, and members of both parties will be afforded an opportunity to recuperate for the national conventions at Kansas City and Philadelphia.

Two rebel Filipino companies have surrendered, an event which General MacArthur considers highly important. We believe it would be as well, however, for the general to be on his guard against some sneaking act of treachery.

How soon would Pettigrew, Sulzer and Lantz drop the Boer delegates if they were convinced the President would extend to them anything else except courtesy.

Neely is again under arrest, and has been jailed in default of \$50,000 bail. The proceeding is under a civil suit entered by the government.

Governor Taylor is in Indiana and naturally will not return to Kentucky to be persecuted, perhaps assassinated.

We begin to hope that May has at last crossed the frost line.

It looks like the dive keepers had recovered their pull.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The bookkeeper's lunch is but the bite of an adder.  
Man sets up the drinks and drinks upset the man.

Kindness wins beauty—if it buys her silks and diamonds.  
It seems queer that foot notes should originate in the head.

Never confide in a man until you know what kind of a man he isn't.  
There is no patent on the fire-escape made by sending in your resignation.

It is to be hoped that party lines this fall will be drawn at campaign poetry.  
When a man doesn't feel well he always says he has been working too hard.

The man who wants to be good has less opposition than the man who wants to be great.—Chicago Daily News.

### REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

A bird in the bush is worth two on the hat.

Women have the advantage over men; you can never tell when their knees interfere.

After a woman gets married she always acts superior to a woman who isn't married unless she is a lot younger than she is herself.

A woman never considers seriously whether she is in love with a man or not until she has got him where she thinks he thinks he has got to propose.

If the average woman tried all the time to look as pleasant at the photographer as she does at the photographer she would die of nervous prostration in two weeks.—New York Press.

### MAY MUSINGS.

Brown—That is a beautiful medal Smith has. Jones—Yes; that's for beating the bicycle record. Brown—What is his record? Jones—Not over seventeen men in a week.—Harlem Life.

Her Preference.—O'Brien—So Casey and Costigan fought for Miss Kelly's hand, and Casey won? Thin O! supposes Casey got her? O'Rourke—No; Costigan got the prize! She said she wanted the man she could lick alliest, begorrah!—Puck.

His Reason for Gratulation.—"Tis very fortunate," remarked Mr. Grady wisely, "that they be not as hivy as coal." "For why, Pat?" "Shure, a ton of shure would weigh so much upon a poor man couldn't afford to kape a cow."—Judge.

Special Service.—"Big fire down on the street," said the sub-editor on the thirty-ninth floor of the new office building. "How do you know?" asked the chief. "Just got a special dispatch from our staff correspondent on the first floor."—Philadelphia North American.

"Maw, what's de difference between er politician and er statesman?" "Well, honey, er politician's good, ain't it?" "Yes, um." "And a tondstool is pizen, ain't it?" "Yes, um." "And dey bot look alike?" "Yes, um." "Des same difference from a statesman to a politician."—Brooklyn Life.

A Question of Surgery.—Mrs. Wagner—Have you moved into your new house? Mrs. Charger—Oh, yes; but we are not settled yet. The carpenter has to make so many alterations. Mrs. Wagner—I thought everything would be just right. Mrs. Charger—So did we. But we found that scarcely one of our old carpets would fit.—Harper's Bazar.

THERE is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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### A FOREIGNER'S VIEW

Of American Life — The Toper and Semi-Toper Discussed.

An Englishman writing to the New York Sun, says: In order to complete my programme as published in the Sun of May 1, I now come to discuss the toper and the semi-topper.

Of the former, we have quite as many in England as here, but by no means as many semi-topers; this is easily explained; it is mainly due to the hospitality of the American.

A man meets a friend in the street at any time of day; he at once, in his hospitable kindness of heart, invites him to a drink, vulgarly called a "tipple." This takes place between meals and generally leads to a considerable amount of "smiling." I know of men who go on drinking more or less alcoholic beverages all day long.

The quantity of whisky and other spirits diluted with water is, perhaps, not enough totally to intoxicate the man, but it muddles his brain and he cannot face a glass of invigorating wine at dinner and drinks ice water; he continues, however, his toping before going to bed; this is the man whom I call the semi-topper.

Of such men, young and old, you have thousands and many of them eventually become toppers or drunkards. It is against the habit of drinking between meals that I wish to warn; this continual drinking is not needed; it does not even quench the thirst. It affords no nutriment, but only weakens the digestion, and does incalculable harm, more particularly as most of the internal drinks are iced.

I believe that this habit of drinking diluted whisky, gin or brandy would be considerably diminished if people would abstain from drinking between meals, but if persisted in would certainly be much less harmful if good wholesome wine were offered at bars, as is done in France, Italy, Spain, etc. The well-fermented natural California American claret is cheap enough, and would answer the purpose; they could be sold at ten cents a tumbler and if mixed with half water would be light, pleasant and invigorating and absolutely harmless. Bar-tenders should take note.

Allow me here, sir, to extend my warning to the vendors of wine; they should try to induce the public to patronize wine by offering good sound, if common, wines at moderate figures.

This country should become by and by the sober people that we find in France, and which is clearly attributable to the cheapness of wine in that country and its being the beverage of every one.

The facility of production exists here as in France; it is simply a question of doing likewise—that is, to produce sufficient for the wants of all. France produces and consumes per capita per year twenty-six gallons of wine, and of drunkenness there is none. The total consumption here is only three-tenths of a gallon per head.

Your climate, sir, is the very one where wine should form the staple beverage of the people, to the exclusion of whisky and pernicious ice water.

Allow me, sir, again to express my unbounded faith in the good sense of this great people and of expressing the hope that a foreign brother's word will be taken as kindly as it is meant.

I do not boom any commodity, as one of your uncharitable correspondents uncharitably boomed; my object simply is to be useful.

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